

**House File 2095 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to minimum eligibility requirements for Iowa  
2 law enforcement officers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY — GENERAL  
2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. The  
3 Iowa law enforcement academy shall amend its administrative  
4 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide that a law enforcement  
5 officer must either be a citizen of the United States or a  
6 lawful resident of the United States who has been in the  
7 United States legally for at least five years and has legal  
8 authorization to work in the United States.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to minimum eligibility requirements for  
13 Iowa law enforcement officers.

14 Under current law, no person may be selected or appointed as  
15 a law enforcement officer unless the person is a citizen of the  
16 United States.

17 The bill directs the Iowa law enforcement academy to amend  
18 its administrative rules concerning general eligibility  
19 requirements for law enforcement officers to also allow a  
20 person who is a lawful resident of the United States who has  
21 been in the United States legally for at least five years and  
22 has legal authorization to work in the United States to be  
23 selected or appointed as a law enforcement officer.